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DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to applicant's amendment filed on 06/02/05 and Petition decision filed on 04/28/06.

Applicants should note that Tom McKenzie is no longer working on this application.

The Quayle action mailed on 06/02/05 has been withdrawn. However, a new Quayle action applies herein.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 16-24 and 28-39 are pending. Claims 2-15 and 25-27 have been cancelled.

Oath/Declaration

It is suggested that applicants perfect the oath/declaration prior to issuance of notice of allowance. Applicants remark in reference to this subject matter has been noted.

Response to Amendment

Applicant's arguments filed 06/02/05 have been fully considered but they are not deemed persuasive. Applicants assert that claim 1 has been amended to delete "Q₁ may be a 5-7 membered aromatic or non-aromatic carbocyclic ring" from the claim language. However, said language is still present in currently amended claim 1. Additionally, applicant's assertion that claims 4-15 have been cancelled is erroneous because claims 2-15 are the cancelled claims. Clarification is required. Upon the deletion of the non-elected subject matter, claim 1 will be allowed. Thus, claim 1 is objected to as containing non-elected subject matter.

Claims 16-24, 28-39 are allowed.

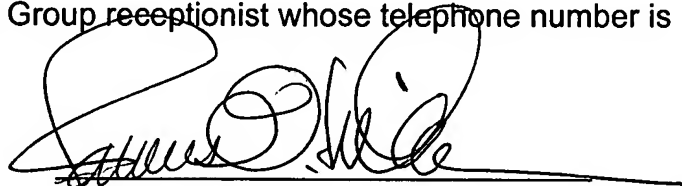
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